

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed on March 28, 2007. Claims 3, 7, 8, 14, 15, 17, 19, 22, are amended. Claims 1, 2, 13, 21, 24-27, 30, 31, are cancelled.

The Office Action rejected claims 1, 2, 7, 8, 13-21 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hoshino (US 6,003,113). The Office Action also rejected claim 31 under 35 USC §112.

The Office Action stated claims 3-6, 22, 23, and 32-34 were allowable if claims 3 and 22 were rewritten in independent form. Claim 9-12, 28, and 29 were allowed.

Amendments

The claims have been amended to present claims 3 and 22 in independent form so that those claims include the claim elements from previous intervening claims. Claims 7 and 8 have been amended to depend from claim 3 to maintain the proper dependency. Claims 16, 17, and 19 have been amended to depend from claim 22 so as to maintain the proper dependency. No new matter is added by these amendments.

Section 112 Issues

The Office Action rejected claim 31 under 35 USC §112 as dependent upon canceled claim 24. This rejection is moot since claim 31 has been cancelled.

Section 103(a) Issues

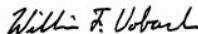
The Office Action rejected claims 1, 2, 7, 8, 13-21 as being unpatentable over Hoshino (US 6,003,113). This rejection is moot since claims 1 and 2 have been cancelled; claims 7 and 8 have been made dependent on allowed claim 3; claim 13 has been cancelled; claims 14-20 have been made dependent upon allowed claim 22; and claim 21 has been cancelled.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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